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SUBJECT: ANOTHER MESSAGE FROM GENERAL AMIN TO PRESIDENT NIXON

1. AT 1235 NOV. 8 WE RECEIVED AT CHANCERY A NOTE FROM
GOU FOREIGN MINISTRY ADDRESSED TO CHARGE AND FORWARDING
THE TEXT OF A TELEGRAM QUOTE WHICH PRESIDENT AMIN WISHES TO
BE CONVEYED TO HIS EXCELLENCY MR. RICHARD NIXON,
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AT THE EARLIEST
OPPORTUNITY UNQUOTE. MESSAGE WAS BROADCAST AS FIRST ITEM ON
1300 HOURS RADIO UGANDA NEWS PROGRAM. TEXT FOLLOWS:

2. BEGIN TEXT:

FROM: HIS EXCELLENCY GENERAL IDI AMIN DADA, PRESIDENT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF UGANDA.

TO: HIS EXCELLENCY MR. RICHARD NIXON, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA.

I HAVE HEARD THROUGH PRESS OF YOUR LATEST ADDRESS TO
YOUR NATION IN WHICH AMONG OTHER THINGS YOU RESTATED YOUR
STAND THAT YOU ARE NOT GOING TO RESIGN FROM THE PRESIDENCY
BECAUSE OF THE FACT THAT YOU WERE ELECTED TO THAT OFFICE
BY THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

I WISH TO CONGRATULATE AND COMPLIMENT YOU MOST SINCE-
RELY FOR THIS COURAGEOUS STAND BECAUSE AS A LEADER HOLDING
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AN ELECTED OFFICE IN TRUST OF THE CITIZENS OF THE COUNTRY

WHO ELECTED YOU, YOU HAVE TAKEN A CORRECT DECISION NOT TO BE DISTRACTED FROM YOUR OFFICIAL OBLIGATIONS BY PEOPLE WHO WANT TO HAVE YOU OUT OF THE OFFICE. I AM SURE THAT ANY OTHER WEAK LEADER WOULD HAVE RESIGNED OR EVEN COMMITTED SUICIDE AFTER BEING SUBJECTED TO SO MUCH HARASSMENT BECAUSE OF THE WATERGATE AFFAIR.

THE WORLD TODAY NEEDS LEADERS WHO HAVE DETERMINATION AND COURAGE TO STAND IN THE FACE OF DIFFICULTIES TO LEAD THEIR PEOPLE. FOR THIS PARTICULAR REASON, THEREFORE, WHICH YOU GAVE IN YOUR ADDRESS THAT YOU ARE NOT GOING TO RESIGN FROM YOUR OFFICE BECAUSE OF HAVING BEEN ELECTED BY THE PEOPLE, I WISH TO THANK YOU MOST SINCERELY FOR YOUR COURAGEOUS DETERMINATION. I TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO ONCE AGAIN WISH YOU A QUICK RECOVERY FROM THE WATERGATE AFFAIR FOR WHICH I JOIN ALL YOUR WELL WISHERS IN PRAYING FOR YOUR SUCCESS IN RECOVERING FROM IT.

ACCEPT YOUR EXCELLENCY AND DEAR BROTHER THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST ESTEEM AND REGARD.

SIGNED:
GENERAL IDI AMIN DADA,
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA. END TEXT.
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